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*Copy of Reciprocal Trade Agreement  
Act requested from W. P. #19*

5 August 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT : Information on Executive Authority over  
Tariff Rates, K-2706

1. It would be appreciated if you could furnish this office with a brief statement responsive to the following inquiry: What are the powers of the President to raise or lower tariffs with respect to countries (a) with which the U. S. has signed treaties of Foreign Commerce and Navigation and (b) with which the U. S. has not signed treaties of Foreign Commerce and Navigation.

2. In the event you cannot provide this information, we would appreciate it if you would so notify us at the earliest possible time. Any questions regarding this request should be addressed to extension 8641.

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